EXHIBIT A

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At the November 17, 2017 evidentiary hearing, counsel for the Khrapunovs indicated that they would confer with their Swiss counsel as to whether questioning about the leak of the Rakishev deposition transcript might be addressed during the Khrapunovs' impending depositions in Switzerland, and would follow up with the parties on that subject. *See* 11/17/17 Hr'g Tr. at 10-13 ("I have to talk with Mr. Schwartz about that. But that's possible. And we will do what we can through Swiss counsel to have this issue included in the topics with that deposition."). To date, we have not received any communications regarding the impending depositions.

The Kazakh Entities have conferred with Swiss counsel and reviewed the listed topics for the Swiss depositions again, and currently believe that questioning the Khrapunovs regarding the leak of the Rakishev deposition transcript fairly falls within the topics already identified, and thus can be the subject of questioning at the depositions in Switzerland without further alteration. Please confirm that the Khrapunovs, as well as their Swiss counsel, also take the position that questioning regarding the leak of the Rakishev deposition transcript is permissible under the current stated topics. For scheduling purposes, we ask for this confirmation no later than December 29, 2017.

In addition, with respect to dates for depositions of Ilyas and Viktor Khrapunov, we suggest January 26-27 for Viktor, and January 28-29 for Ilyas, on the assumption that both will need to be translated. Please let us know if either witness intends to testify in English, and if those dates work for all parties.

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